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SUBJECT: DENIAL OF POLISH VISAS: RENA AND MARTIN WANCJER

REF: A) STATE 40741, B) WARSAW 1450

1. MARTIN WANCJER INFORMED US A COUPLE DAYS AGO THAT HE HAS LEARNED FROM THE POLISH CONSULATE IN CHICAGO THAT VISAS HAVE AGAIN BEEN DENIED TO BOTH HIS WIFE AND HIM. NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN BY POLISH AUTHORITIES, BUT THEY TOLD WANCJER HE CANNOT APPLY BEFORE ONE YEAR. IN ADDITION, THEY CHARGED HIM \$3.00 FOR PROCESSING.

2. WANCJER IS ANGRY. HE IS CONSIDERING GOING TO THE MEDIA. HE HAS ALREADY APPROACHED SENATOR RIEGLE'S OFFICE AND MAY CONTACT SENATOR JAVITS AND THE CSCE COMMISSION. HE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED ALL THESE POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION WITH HIM AND HAVE ADVISED THAT IT IS PROBABLY TOO EARLY TO
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GO PUBLIC BUT THAT INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESSMEN MIGHT BE HELPFUL. WE FURTHER ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COMPARE NOTES WITH OTHERS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND TO GET THE VIEWS OF ITS LEADERSHIP. WE FURTHER SUGGESTED

THAT, IF IN COMPARING NOTES IT IS FOUND THAT A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE EXPERIENCED SIMILAR PROBLEMS, IT MIGHT BE

WORTH HAVING JEWISH LEADERS SUCH AS RABBI SCHINDLER PUT THIS ISSUE ON THE LIST OF QUESTIONS THEY PERIODICALLY RAISE WITH POLISH OFFICIALS. WANCJER UNDERSTANDS THAT SUCH ACTIONS, EVEN IF SUCCESSFUL, WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HELP HIS OWN CASE, BUT HE IS DETERMINED TO PRESS THE ISSUE. HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, THAT, FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MOST EFFECTIVE TO PROCEED QUIETLY THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS.

4. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE GENERAL ISSUE FURTHER WITH COUNSELOR MIKOLAJEWSKI OF THE POLISH EMBASSY. ALTHOUGH HE INSISTED THAT EACH CASE IS DECIDED ON ITS MERITS, MIKOLAJEWSKI SAID IN EFFECT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LEFT POLAND IN 1967-69 AND DECLARED ISRAEL AS HIS DESTINATION WAS REQUIRED TO RENOUNCE POLISH CITIZENSHIP. MOREOVER, MIKOLAJEWSKI IMPLIED THAT, GIVEN THE POLITICAL SITUATION EXISTING AT THE TIME, THE DESIRE TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL WAS REGARDED AS TANTAMOUNT TO AN "UNFRIENDLY ACT." HE ADDED THAT CHANGING THE DESTINATION TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE ONCE THE PERSON HAD DECLARED FORMALLY HIS INTENTION TO GO TO ISRAEL. FACED WITH THE INCONSISTENCIES AND ARBITRARINESS ENTAILED IN SUCH A POSITION, MIKOLAJEWSKI REALLY HAD NO REPLY. HE SEEMED TO REALIZE, HOWEVER, THE PROBLEMS THIS POLICY COULD CAUSE IN US-POLISH RELATIONS, AND HE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WEEK AFTER NEXT.
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5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S RAISING THE WANCJER CASE AGAIN WITH MFA DIRECTOR MICKIEWICZ. YOU MIGHT POINT TO HIS OWN OBSERVATION (REF B) THAT MRS. WANCJER, AT LEAST, MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET A VISA. MARTIN WANCJER TOLD US THEY NOW HAVE WORD HER FATHER IS OFF THE CRITICAL LIST, AND THIS COULD HAVE AFFECTED THE GOP DECISION. NEVERTHELESS, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE, IN ADDITION TO THE POINTS PREVIOUSLY MADE, THAT IN OUR VIEW THE GOP HANDLING OF THIS CASE IS ARBITRARY AND UNREASONABLY INFLEXIBLE. YOU MAY FURTHER EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT IMPLICATIONS FOR US-POLISH RELATIONS. INHERENT IN POLISH POLICY ON THESE CASES.

6. THE EMBASSY MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONSULT WITH KNOWLEDGE-ABLE SWEDISH EMBASSY OFFICERS ABOUT SWEDISH EXPERIENCE IN CASES INVOLVING JEWS WHO LEFT POLAND FOR SWEDEN DURING 1967-69.(SEE TRANSLATION OF SVENSKA DAGBLADET ARTICLE FORWARDED IN SEYMOUR-TO-BROWN LETTER OF FEBRUARY 15.) OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES MIGHT ALSO HAVE SOME INSIGHT TO

ADD.

7. FINALLY, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS
CONCERNING THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO HANDLE THESE CASES
VIS-A-VIS POLISH OFFICIALS AND THE PERSONS INVOLVED. VANCE

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